Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical validity of a population database definition of remission in patients with major depression

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The authors statement: “The questions that establish the reviewer are detailed in the limitations title of the discussion study and in the inclusion/exclusion criteria of the methods post (see references 11 and 13)”; does not answer an important issue: the validity of the major depression diagnosis (reference criteria): the ICPC-2 is a diagnosis criteria and it is not a diagnosis evaluation tool; the diagnosis that comes from reviewing a clinical chart is not reliable; the authors does not give any reliable criterio in orden to prove that a patient did not have diagnosis during the previous six months.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.